



NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL QUARTERLY REPORT

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INJURY PREVENTION

- The OSFM Injury Prevention Section thanks everyone who participated in Smoke Alarm Saturday 2019. With your assistance, over 6,602 smoke alarms were installed in 76 counties.
- Mark your calendars now for next year, Smoke Alarm Saturday 2020 will be held on June 6th. If you received Smoke Alarms from the 2019 Smoke Alarm Canvassing Grant that was awarded in late February and First of March, you need to enter your surveys by September 1. If you have surveys from the previous smoke alarm canvassing grants, hold on to those surveys. They cannot be entered into the system right now. We are currently out of smoke alarms but anticipate more by the end of the year.
- Safe Kids NC celebrated its 25-year anniversary in May at the 2019 Safe Kids Conference held at the Great Wolf Lodge in Concord. The next Safe Kids NC Conference is scheduled for May 2020.
- With the help from many partners, we were able to create a fireworks safety video. The video graphically covered the dangers of what could happen with home and commercial fireworks. Check it out on the NCDOT website.
- There were 5 CPS classes held between May and June with many more scheduled throughout the summer months. Go to Buckleupnc.org for more information.
- There have been 21 Hot Car Deaths in the U.S. since January, with one here in N.C. If you see a child in the car unattended, please call 911. OSFM is holding a 5-stop media tour labeled "Baby Its Hot Inside!" Three events were scheduled in May and June with more scheduled in the coming weeks.
- July 30 is National Heatstroke Awareness Day.
- In the coming months, we will be gearing up for Back to School Safety Messaging that will include a live burn at Wake Forest University, the N.C. State Fair and Fire Prevention Week.

FIRE & RESCUE COMMISSION

- The NFA State Weekend Nov 22-24 registration is open with applications due by August 31st.
- The NFA Leadership in Supervision six-day class will be held in Raleigh Oct 7th through Oct 12th. Both application processes are on the website.
- Certifications Issued: 3587

NFIRS DATA

- Departments should report incidents quarterly.
- 2018: 76 Departments had no 2018 data reported.
- 2019: From January 1, 2019 through July 10, 2019 – 345 fire departments had no data reported.

FIRE & RESCUE TRAINING

- High Angle School registration is posted and is going to be held November 1-3. Levels II and IV.
- N.C. Extrication School is scheduled for December 6-8 at Sandhills Community College in Moore County. Registration will open August 26th.
- Check the training schedule for a detailed listing of classes including Fire Officer III, Fire Officer IV, FIT, and Haz Mat Technician.
- Working on the new Chief 101 update that will be released January 2020. Please remember that all chiefs are required to take the update once every five years and new chief officers have 12 months to take the course once appointed to the position.

GRANTS & GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

- The 2019 Rescue Grant period will open August 1st. Please reach out to your assigned grants liaison via phone at 919.647.0000 or via email at FireRescueGrants@ncdoi.gov. Fire
- The deadline for 2019 Fire Grant invoices, proof of payment, serial numbers and any requests for extension is September 30th.
- The Firefighters Relief Fund Disbursements (FRF) are scheduled to be disbursed mid-September. Please make sure your banking information is up-to-date. You can contact the Grants Division @ 919.647.0000 if you need assistance.

ENGINEERING

- Staff attended and presented at the Plumbing Inspectors Association Conference.
- IT Department successfully removed the NCID requirement from our Pyrotechnics applications, tremendously improving our customer experience.
- Barry Gupton, PE and Bill Mueller, PE have transferred to the Manufactured Building Division.
- Modular Building Division rolled out the MOD Online Label Ordering and Reporting Computer Program to third party agencies.
- Beth Williams and Mike Hejduk continue to plan the 2019 Code College to be held at NCDOT during the last weekend of September.
- Staff attended, and the COI spoke at the N.C. Manufactured and Modular Homebuilders Association meeting in Wrightsville Beach, June 12th & 13th.
- COI and staff attended the NCBA in Beaufort
- Staff Changes:
 - Carl Martin – Chief Code Consultant
 - Dan Austin – Chief Existing Building Code Consultant
 - Tara Barthelmess – Chief Accessible Code Consultant
 - Dan Dittman – Chief Energy Code Consultant

HB 61 – *Omnibus Gun Changes* – Crossed Over

HB 118 – *First Responders Act of 2019* – 5/07/2019 Passed the House; Rules & Operations of the Senate. – Crossed Over

HB120 – *Clarify Fire District Funding Eligibility* – 5/29/2019 Senate Finance; Rules & Operations of the Senate. – Crossed Over

HB 220 – *Insurance Technical Changes* – Ratified – Presented to Governor

HB 278 (SB 179) – *Parity for First Responders* – Crossed Over

HB296 (SB314) – *Respect for LEOs/Firefighter/EMS* – Crossed Over

HB 410 – *Require Generators in Nursing and Adult Care Homes* – 5/07/2019 Passed the House; Rules & Operations of the Senate. – Crossed Over

HB 520 – *Firefighters Fighting Cancer Act* – 5/06/2019 Rules & Operations of the Senate. – Crossed Over

HB 553 (SB519) – *Licensing Certain Fire Safety Equipment Work* – 6/11/2019 Passed the House; 6/13/2019 Rules & Operations of the Senate. – Crossed Over

HB 606 – *Arson Law Revisions* – 5/06/2019 Rules & Operations of the Senate. – Crossed Over

HB 615 (SB 566) – *NC Consumer Fireworks Safety Act* – 6/13/2019 Withdrawn from House Judiciary; re-referred to Regulatory Reform; Finance; Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

HB 622 – *Provide Workman's Comp for PTSD in First Responders* – 5/06/2019 Rules & Operations of the Senate – Crossed Over

HB675 – *2019 Building Code Regulatory Reform* – 7/15/19 Ratified – Presented to the Governor.

SB 20 – *Emergency Worker Protection Act* – Includes Firefighters, EMTs and emergency personnel – Crossed Over